

**Why are license plates required?**

License plates are evidence that registration fees have been paid and are a means of readily identifying a vehicle and tracing ownership.

**How many types of Wisconsin license plates are there?**

There are 76 plate designs in 32 color combinations with 158 stickers and decals. The plate issued depends on the design and use of the vehicle or the owner's special interest. Examples of plate types are:

Automobile	Disabled
Truck	Tractor
Collector	Semi-trailer

Most plate types are issued in sets of two for front and rear vehicle display.

**How long are plates valid?**

The length of the registration period depends on the type of license plate. There are 8 valid registration periods: annual, quarterly, monthly, 2 year, 5 year, 6 year, 12 year and non-expiring. More detail on license plate types and registration periods is available in the *Wisconsin License Plate and Motor Carrier Credentials Guide*, published annually. For information on truck and bus registration, see "Heavy Vehicle Registration & Titling."

**When are license plates issued?**

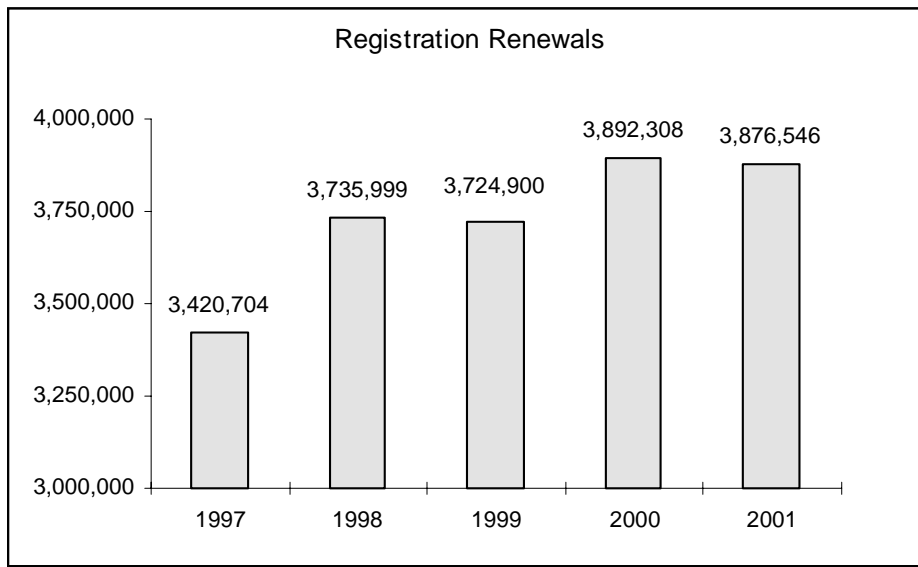
Auto and light truck plates issued from 1987 through June 2000 will be replaced over the seven year period of July 2000 - June, 2007, with oldest plates first. Special plate types may be replaced during this period, but a start date has not yet been set. Plates for motorcycles and heavy vehicles are not scheduled for replacement. Individuals may replace their plates (same plate design) for a fee of \$2 for regular plates and \$5/6 for some special plates. Plate holders are responsible for replacing plates that are no longer readable.

**When are renewal stickers issued?**

DMV issues stickers upon renewal to show the date of vehicle registration expiration when new plates are not issued.

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